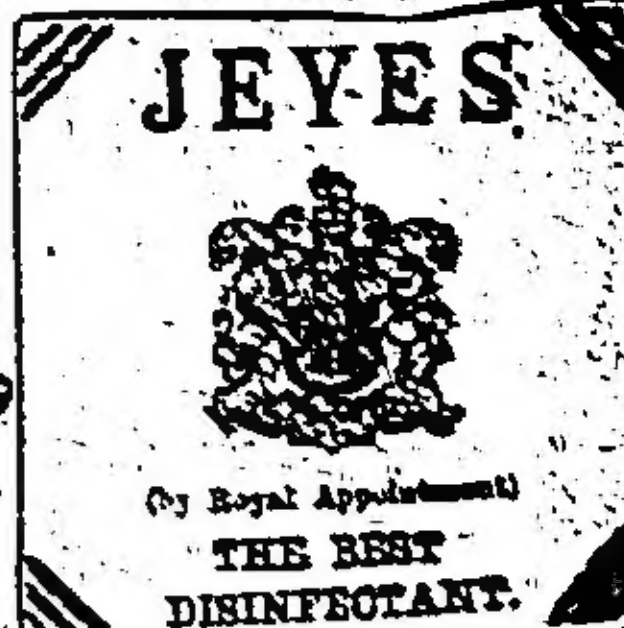


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IRISH PEACE PROSPECTS.

FATHER O'FLANNAGAN AND THE PREMIER.

INCOMPATIBLE CONDITIONS.

LONDON, December 19.
Father O'Flanagan has telegraphed Mr. Lloyd George declaring that the only road to Irish reconciliation is to allow the constitution adopted by the Irish people at the last general election to perform its legitimate functions and to negotiate a treaty directly with De Valera. The Premier replied that a settlement was impossible as long as Sinn Fein demands an Irish republic and persists in trying to compel a settlement by assassination and violence. The Premier adds that he deeply regrets that Father O'Flanagan closed the door to the counsels of goodwill which were invoked at the beginning of the correspondence.

OIL FUEL.

ENSURING SUPPLIES FOR AMERICAN SHIPS.

WASHINGTON, December 19.
Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, discussed with members of the United States Shipping Board plans for ensuring a permanent supply of fuel oil for both warships and merchant vessels. Later Admiral Benson declared that with the Navy Department and the Shipping Board working together he believed that an adequate supply of oil could be obtained.

AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF HAYTI.

WASHINGTON, December 19.
The Naval court of inquiry on conditions in Hayti since the American occupation has reported to Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, that these are no proper grounds for General Barnett's assertions with regard to the killing of natives.

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PARIS, December 19.
The most powerful wireless station in the world has been opened at Bordeaux. It is capable of reaching any part of the world.

ASSISTANCE FOR AMERICAN FARMERS.

WASHINGTON, December 19.
The House of Representatives passed the Senate resolution to revive the war finance corporation after deleting a recommendation that Federal Reserve Banks should extend liberal credit to farmers.

FARROW'S BANK SUSPENDS PAYMENT.

LONDON, December 20.
Farrow's Bank has suspended payment.

KWANGTUNG COAL.

A BRITISH MONOPOLY?

INTERESTING REPORT.

A long article in the *Far Eastern Review* based on a report from its Peking correspondent that an agreement has been reached between a British syndicate and the Canton Government, whereby the former secures a coal monopoly in Kwangtung Province, contains the following interesting passages:—

The agreement which is dated "ninth year of the Chinese republic, 23rd day, 4th moon" (April 23, 1920), is signed by Mr. Yung-hsin, military governor, and Cheung Kuo-fong, civil governor, with their private chops and official seals for the Government, and by Major Louis Cassel (retired), described in the agreement as "an officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire," and Sun Pak-ming, a resident of Hongkong, for the other contracting parties.

In return for the payment of \$1,000,000 in Hongkong currency, in two instalments of \$500,000 and \$500,000, and the carrying out of certain conditions specified in the contract, a syndicate, to be known as the Kwang Tung Collieries, Limited, secures the coal-mining monopoly in Kwangtung province for 90 years or more. This much is plainly specified in the agreement. Those who have studied the documents say they are so worded that the syndicate also can take over all railroad, highway, or water transportation at any time, giving it practical control of the province. The agreement specifies that the syndicate must be in British control.

The agreement gives the syndicate the coal concessions in the districts specified as "Nam-hoi, Pon-u, Tung-koon, Po-on, Sam-ai, Fayuen, Ying-tak, Yung-shan, Lin-yuen, Kuk-kong, Ching-yuen, Lok-chong, Yue-yuen, Yan-fa, Chee-hing, Nam-hung, Fat-kong, Yung-yuen, Kung-ming, Tsung-sing, Tsung-fa, etc." The abbreviation "etc." is believed to cover any districts not mentioned by name. No further concessions to prospect or mine, not specifying coal alone, are to be given to any other individuals or companies in the same districts.

The syndicate also becomes the owner of all coal mines in the province which are not being worked at

present and the holder of all concessions on which work has not been started. The Government further obligates itself to render all assistance as it is able to enable the company to acquire at a "reasonable price" the concessions or mining rights of companies which now are working their properties on a commercial basis and consequently cannot be forfeited. The agreement specifies fifty different companies and the grants on which they have started work in the province. It names six others and their grants on which work has not started and which are subject to forfeiture. The agreement specifies that the new syndicate shall conform to the local mining laws but shall not pay any higher duties than does the Kailan Mining Administration.

The syndicate is to have a nominal capital of \$10,000,000, Hongkong currency, divided into 1,000,000 shares. Half of these are to be known as "A shares" which are to be disposed of by four directors of British nationality. The remaining half are classified as "B shares," and are to be considered as "fully paid up." The agreement specifies what disposal shall be made of 200,000 of the "B shares," and allows the remaining 800,000 representing \$3,000,000 to three directors of Chinese nationality. Half of the 200,000 shares are to be divided equally for the benefit of the poor and the educational institutions of Kwangtung province.

The syndicate is to be controlled by seven directors, three of "European nationality" elected by the holders of "A shares," three of "Chinese nationality" elected by holders of "B shares," and one of "British nationality" elected by the preceding six. The staff is to have a European manager, European engineers and supervisors, a European secretary, a Chinese secretary and Chinese miners and labourers, the latter so far as possible natives of Kwangtung province.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SINN FEIN TERRORISM.

LONDON, December 18th.
General Macready has issued a proclamation that he is fully empowered to restore order in the martial law areas in Ireland. The Forces of the Crown have his support, provided that their actions do not exceed what is reasonably necessary to secure order. On the other hand troops committing offences against persons, or the property of residents, house-breaking or plundering, are liable to the death penalty.

CHINA IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

LONDON, December 18th.
Geneva messages show that a surprising feature was the unexpected strength of the support to China's election to the Council of the League.
The votes for China far exceeded the total cast for Rumania, Sweden and Czechoslovakia, who were also candidates for selection.
It is believed this was partly due to the excellent record of Dr. Wellington Koo at the Assembly, and partly to the members accepting the recommendation to vote for one Asiatic country.

THE SHANTUNG PROBLEM.

Dr. Wellington Koo has informed the Assembly that China does not wish to raise the question regarding Shantung in the current session but reserves the right to bring up the matter later.

CHINESE MINISTER IN LONDON.

LONDON, December 18th.
Mr. Alfred-Sze, who was granted an audience by His Majesty the King, presented his letters of recall. Her Majesty the Queen received Mr. Alfred, and Madame Sze.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

SATISFACTORY ANNOUNCEMENT.

At the eightieth ordinary general meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, held on Dec. 8, at 11 a.m., the directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the preferred stock, less income tax, were to recommend a dividend on the deferred stock of 6 per cent. for the six months, together with a bonus at the rate of 3 per cent., both free of income tax, making, with the interim dividend of 6 per cent. paid in May, a total distribution on the deferred stock of 15 per cent. for the year. They also propose to make a distribution in the neighbourhood of £205,000 of deferred stock to the deferred stockholders whose names are on the company's register on Nov. 23, 1920. Dividend warrants will be posted on Dec. 14. In the corresponding period of last year the final dividend was 6 per cent., making 12 per cent. for the year, no bonus being paid. There was then allotted to deferred stockholders £190,705 of deferred stock at par.

This satisfactory announcement caused a sharp rise in the market quotation of the deferred stock of the company to 495. On that basis the value of the stock bonus is reckoned as being approximately 25 per cent., which would make the total distribution to the stockholders 40 per cent. There was subsequently some reaction.

Stockholders in the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. are naturally well satisfied with the distributions just announced in respect of the past financial year, says the *L. & C. Express*. The final dividend of 6 per cent. makes 12 per cent. for the whole twelve months; in addition, a cash bonus of 3 per cent., together with a stock bonus equivalent to approximately 6 per cent. are to be paid. For 1918-19 the company paid 12 per cent., with a stock bonus out of the reserve fund equal to about 6 per cent., so that the 1919-20 distributions represent an increase of 3 per cent. in cash, free of tax. The price of the deferred stock of the company has been going upwards for some time, and the present dividend announcement has resulted in a further sharp rise. It may be pointed out that even at the present quotation P. & O. Deferred stock gives the investor a return equivalent to more than 9 per cent. on the purchase, assuming that the present rate of distribution is maintained, an assumption which is certainly justified by the company's very conservative policy with regard to dividend distributions throughout its history.

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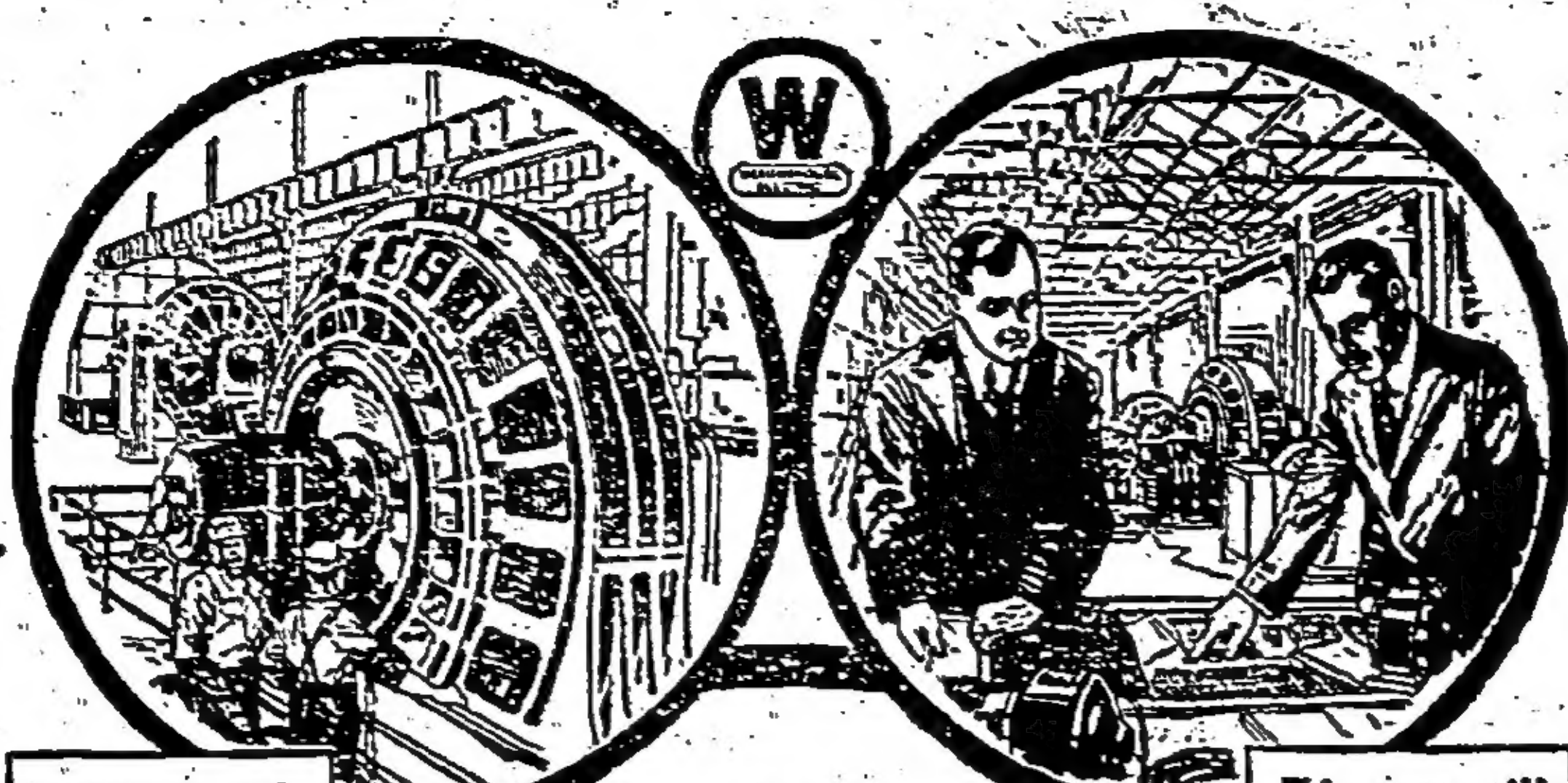
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trate, to T. Mellows, who obtained
\$750 from Y. Ching Chong under
false pretences.
On Mellows being brought up for
sentence, Mr. King said: "I have,
after due consideration, decided to try
you summarily and I have framed
three charges of false pretences
against you. I must say that they
might have been framed under the
Forgery Act, but the prosecution has
not pressed that."

The prisoner pleaded guilty and had
nothing to say.

Mr. King: Have you no excuse to
offer for obtaining this money?—No,
sir: no excuse at all.

His Worship:—You understand your
position? You have pleaded guilty
and, if you can offer no excuse, I
must pass sentence on you, which,
in the ordinary way, will be imprison-
ment. If you want the benefit of the
First Offenders' Act, you must show
reason why I should apply it. You
are a young man; is there no reason
you can give?

Prisoner: At the time I did these
three acts, I did not think it was so
serious. I did it without thinking of
the consequences. That is all the
excuse I can give.

His Worship:—That is no excuse.
As far as I understand, you were
living in your parents' house and there
seems no reason for taking the money.
Was there any?—I can't give you the
reason without giving somebody else
away and I am not going to do that.
You took this money to help some-
body else?—Yes, sir.

Mr. King: Then I must know
who that person is.

Mr. R. C. Faithfull (for the
Police):—I think it rather aggravates
the offence if he does not choose to
give the name of the person he wished
to help. I was going to suggest that
he be committed for trial on three
charges under Section 7 of the For-
gery Act.

His Worship:—I really cannot go
into this. I have said that I will try
him summarily.

Detective Inspector Cruickshank:
From personal observation, I can say
that the prisoner has really been the
tool of that class of people of whom
we have so many here just now and
especially those who frequent the
dancing halls outside the Settlement.
Really, in the local term, he is the
"sucker" for these people. They
have been living off him and getting
him to do the dirty work. He knew
exactly what he was doing, but he
shared very little of the proceeds.
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pleasure of these ladies, if it is a
pleasure.

His Worship:—Is there any truth in
that?

Prisoner:—Yes, sir.

His Worship:—It does not seem to
be a legitimate excuse for you to ob-
tain this money. After all, you have
had pleasure, such as it is, and you
have caused a pretty heavy loss to
these Chinese. You must give me a
better excuse. I cannot accept that.

Prisoner:—I have no other excuse.

His Worship:—It seems to me, your
plan of action has been rendered more
simple by the credulity of the Chinese
and, if they have lost, they have, to
a great extent, themselves to blame.
There is no suggestion that Inspector
Mellows was in the habit of borrowing
money, yet you go along with letters
purporting to be in his name and get
\$650. If they chose to part with
their money without making any in-
quiries, they must bear the loss.

Similarly, they seem to have taken it
for granted that the compromise order
was genuine and they parted with an-
other \$100. I have considered if it
was possible to give you the benefit
of the First Offenders' Act, but, with
great reluctance, I cannot see why I
should. You were living with your
parents and there is no suggestion that
you were hard up, or that there was
any reason why you should take this
money. If your plea was accepted, it
would be hard to punish anybody in
this court. I don't like to do, as you
are a young man, but I feel that, if
I do not sentence you, I should en-
courage others to do the same. The
raison d'être of punishment is to pre-
vent others doing the same. You will
serve three months' imprisonment.

ASHES OF ROYALTY.

ROMANOFF GRAND DUCHESSES.

BODY PASSES THROUGH HONGKONG.

As briefly reported in a special wire
to the China Mail, when the steamer
"Devanha" sailed from Shanghai she
carried with her two plain wooden
caskets, in one of which rested the
remains of the Grand Duchess Eliza-
beth, of the once Imperial house of
Romanoff, who with five other mem-
bers of that royal family was killed by
the Bolsheviks near Perm and
whose ashes are now on their way to
a final resting place in the Holy Land.

The second of the two caskets con-
tains the remains of a Sister of the
Greek Catholic convent, of which the
Grand Duchess had long been Abbess,
who perished with her superior. The
bodies are accompanied on their long
journey by an Abbot and two novices.

The Grand Duchess Elizabeth was
the Princess of Hesse and a grand-
daughter of the late Queen Victoria.
She married the Grand Duke Serge
who was assassinated about twenty
years ago while he was Military Gov-
ernor of Moscow. The Grand Duke
was an uncle of the late Czar
Nicholas.

It was through the efforts of the
Grand Duchess sister, the Princess of
Battenburg—present Marchioness of
Mellford-Haven—that the Abbess' body
was taken up and started upon the
long journey toward a final haven in
the churchyard of a branch of her con-
vent in Jerusalem. The request was
made through the British Government
which arranged the matter.

The caskets, together with others
containing the remains of other
members of the Russian royal family,
were brought across Siberia and to
Peking where they have been since
August—thence to Tientsin and to
Shanghai by steamer. Here they
rested briefly and on Sunday afternoon
a small gathering of prominent local
Russians assembled in the godown
where they were stored to hold some
simple service.

The Grand Duchess and five rela-
tives and a number of Sisters and
servants were killed in Alapaevsk, in
the province of Perm, when the Bol-
sheviki swarmed down upon the place.
They were thrown into a coal mine
and it was only through information
given by a peasant who had witnessed
the tragedy that the bodies were locat-
ed. When the Kereny government
came into control they were removed
and lay at rest in Siberia until the
request came for their removal from
the country.

The other members of the Romanoff
house who died with the Grand
Duchess were the Grand Duke Serge,
her cousin, and the Princess Constan-
tine, Ivan, Igor and Vladimir.
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FRIDAY, the 17th instant, until fur-
ther notice between the hours of 7 a.m.
and 4 p.m. each day.

W. CHATHAM,
Director of Public Works.
Public Works Department.
Hongkong, December 18, 1920.

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W. G. LAY.

Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon and District.

B. O. Inspector General of Chinese
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York Buildings.

Hongkong, December 18, 1920.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, (1918) LIMITED.

THE SECOND ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the Company, St. George's
Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong-
kong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd Decem-
ber, 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon,
for the purpose of receiving a statement
of accounts and the report of the
General Managers for the year ended
30th September, 1920, and electing a
Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY,
the 17th December, 1920, until
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, December 7, 1920.

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is produced at the office of the Com-
pany, 5 Queen's Road Central, Victoria
Hongkong, on or before the 5th day of
January, 1921, a new Certificate for the
said shares will be issued and the old
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MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 3, 1920.

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XMAS EVE, FRIDAY, 24th December,
1920.

BOXING DAY, MONDAY, 27th De-
cember, 1920.

WEDNESDAY, 29th December, 1920.
NEW YEARS EVE, FRIDAY, 31st
December, 1920.

AND
NEW YEARS DAY, SATURDAY,
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DINNER DANCE

XMAS NIGHT, SATURDAY, 25th
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NEW YEARS EVE, FRIDAY,
31st December, 1920.

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the fact that the usual dance
will not be held at the Hotel on the
above date, as the entire accommoda-
tion has been booked from 9.30 p.m. for
the "AT HOME" to be given by Lt.
Col. J. R. Wyndham and Officers of the
2nd Battalion, The Duke of Edin-
burgh's (Wiltshire Regiment).

Hongkong, December 18, 1920.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, December 14, 1920.

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SANG LEE & Co.
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Hongkong, December 20th 1920.

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"THAT according to the terms of
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October of the present year, they
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the balances of sums due to them
being proceeds of goods sold or com-
mandeered, which formed parts of
shipments of the above steamers,
within the period of six months, com-
mencing from the 1st October of the
current year.

The claims should be accompanied
by the following documents:

(a) Application by the Concerned or
by his legal representative.

(b) Certificate of nationality of the
Concerned issued by his respective
Consul.

(c) Bill of Lading duly countersigned
if it is necessary.

(d) Power of Attorney of the Owner
of the goods if the claim is not
to be filed by himself stating the
person to whom the amount due
should be paid either in Portu-
guese or British India.

(e) Discharged and acquitted in-
voices proving that the cost of
the goods has been duly paid to
the sellers.

(f) Letter of Guaranty as per terms
of the DECREE No. 3,800, dated
28th January of 1918 if it is
necessary.

This certificate is only applicable
when the payments are to be made
under "Bonds," which should be
given by the respective Government
of the Concerned assuming the
responsibility for the payment.

In case the Concerned are not able
to appear personally, they should
grant Power of Attorney to an in-
dividual or firm of well known stand-
ing either in Portuguese or British
India for the purpose to sign all the
necessary documents relating to the
collection of what is due to them.

All the documents above mention-
ed should be stamped and with their
respective translations attached to
under the terms of Portuguese laws,
and "vises" by the respective con-
sular authorities.

The Attorneys of the Claimants
both in Portuguese and British India
must be qualified so that they may
be able to solve any difficulties that
may be raised during the course of
proceedings for default in non-com-
pliance with any legal requirement.

All the claims followed by the way
as above mentioned should be for-
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GRAPHICAL AND NAVAL
SERVICE MINISTRY FOR
THE COLONIES.

CLAIMS LISBON (PORTUGAL).

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presented their claims at the Office
of the Attorney General of the
Republic in GOA (Portuguese India),
and not having yet been accorded
with a dispatch for incompletion of
documents or for they having not
been legally done, may still
be allowed to rectify those
faults and irregularities by
themselves or by their attorneys
within the six months as above stated.

Those Consignees who had taken
delivery of their goods under "Bonds"
or against cash deposit, may—by the
sanction of the Office of the Attorney
General in GOA (Portuguese India)—
recover their deposits or get those
"Bonds" cancelled as soon as they
are able to produce those legal
documents that were short or
having complied with the legal for-
malities required, non-fulfilment
thereof was the cause of the require-
ment of those deposits and "Bonds."

At the expiration of the period of
the six months aforesaid, the settle-
ments will be made of those claims
legally recognised, in BOMBAY and
in GOA, for that purpose notices
will be duly published.

DEPARTMENT OF THE DIPLOMA-
TIC, GEOGRAPHICAL AND NAVAL
SERVICE FOR THE MINISTRY for
THE COLONIES in Lisbon, 2nd October,
1920.

(Signed) ERNESTO DE VASCON-
CELLOS

Capt. M.G.

It is correct

Department of the Diplomatic,
Geographical and Naval Service, 2nd
October, 1920.

(Signed) PAULO DE MOURA
COUTINHO ALMEIDA

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Capt.

In charge of the Service.

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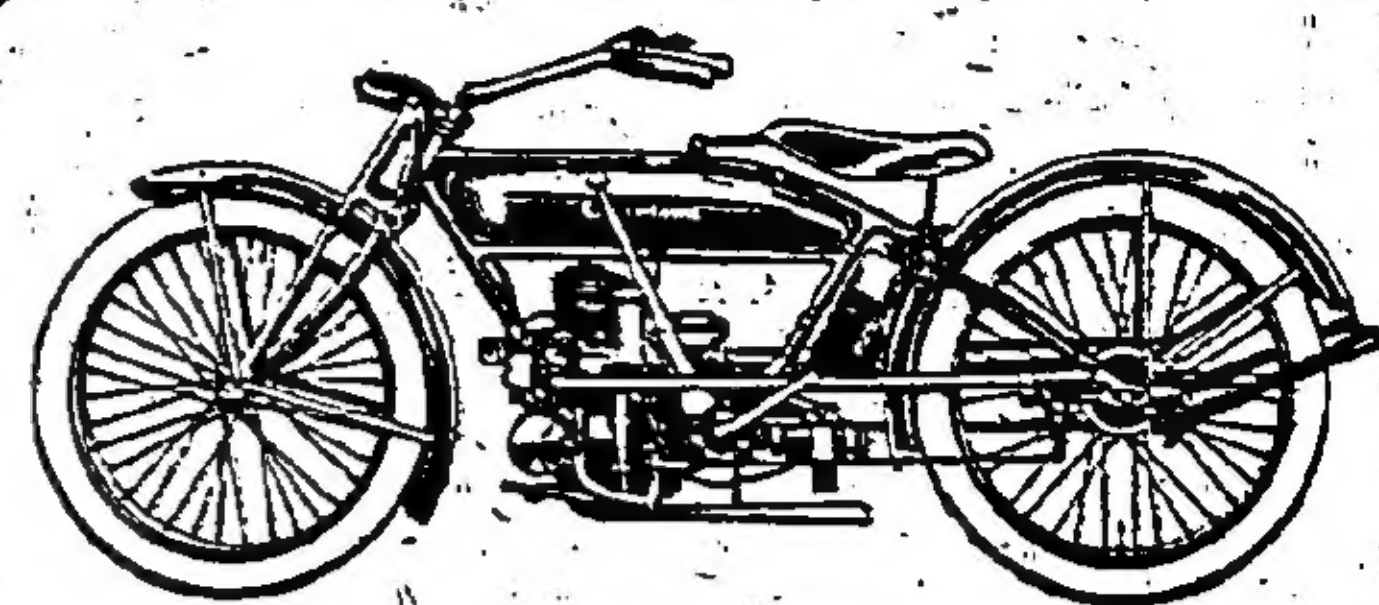
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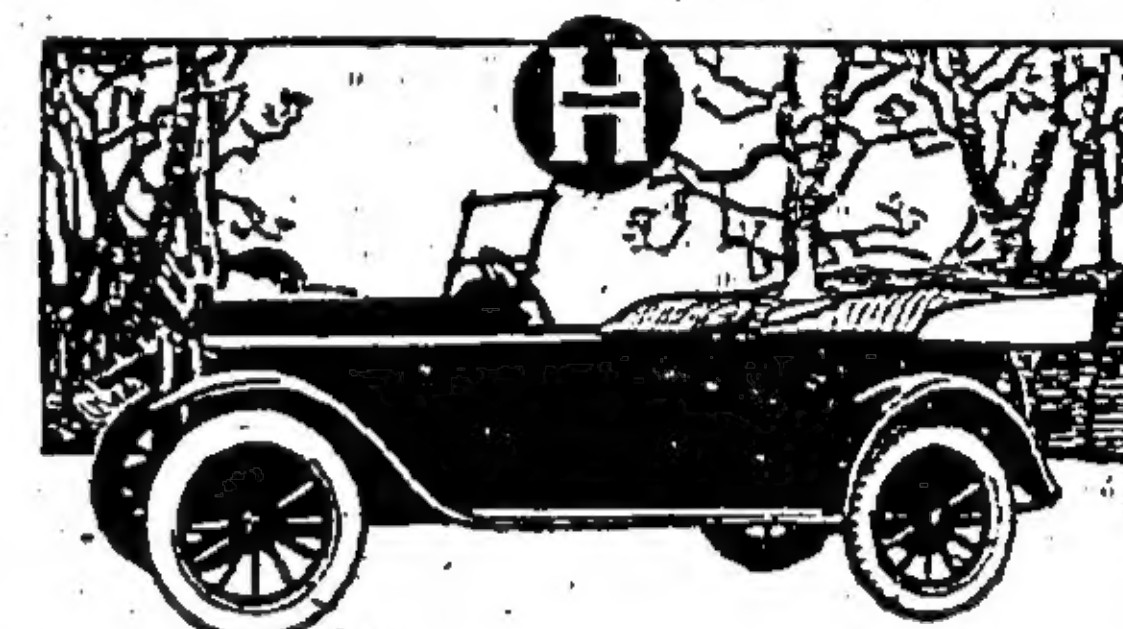
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 21, 1920.

BIRTHS.

HYND.—On December 14, 1920, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hynd, a daughter.

JACOB.—On December 15, 1920, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Jacob, of No. 16 Quinsan Road, a son.

AMATEURS.

The Encyclopedia Britannica helps to perpetuate an erroneous notion connected with the significations of this name. It says that the average amateur, who devotes only a portion of his time to the pursuit, possesses less skill than the average professional. The professional's livelihood and reputation depend on his proficiency, and he therefore concentrates all his energies on the task of attaining mastery. The suggestion that the seller of "pot-boilers" must be more thorough than the one who works for love (for "mature" is the same word as the Latin *amator*) is wrong. This line of argument actually endorses the common delusion that amateurism is a sufficient excuse for poor performance. We newspaper people are frequently told that we must "love" our work, and that we must be "only amateurs." They are "only amateurs" of the profession concerned, and therefore are expected to do it badly. How about the two of it? It is another line altogether that such people should claim. They are "amateurs" of the word amateurism. The proper suggestion of the word amateur is a word of a higher motive: "to do work for profit," says

the amateur. "I work for love." He should therefore by all experience work harder, much harder, and have his efforts judged by a much higher and more exacting standard. There is no excuse for bad amateur acting, though there may be plenty for poor professional barnstormers. There is no excuse for the exhibition of an amateur daub, though there is sufficient for the exposure of any "pot-boiler" for sale. The recent exhibition of dilettanti pictorial art, and the extraordinary reception of newspaper criticism that ensued it, compel considerations such as these. The amateur, the amateur, the lover, is supposed to love art as the devout wooer loves his lady. If we say that the devoted wooer, serenading the lady, makes rather an ass of himself, as in the ordinary human outlook he does, do you suppose he becomes angry? Not he. He is almost unconscious of our jeers. He is so wrapped up in his adoration of the lady, that our very existence is irrelevant. We don't count, much less any remarks we may make. His great love indurates him to such impertinences; it is a sort of psychological anaesthesia. Not so the pseudo-lover of art, who hangs up his picture, and invites (and charges) us to look at it. We offer some similar criticism. He flies off the handle. It is not art he loves, but himself. His amour propre is greater than his devotion, just as his vanity is larger than his skill. This picture is pretty good, in effect he claims, because I painted it. His friend (assuming it is not himself) cannot flagging as his friend) advises the critic not to discourage him. Heaven! In what is it that he should have encouragement? In love of art? But that were supererogatory. One cannot encourage beat to be hot. In his vanity? The reply is obvious. It ought to be discouraged. Art is long. Art cannot be discouraged, though its dilettant

flirters may. Let us impress once more upon you the wicked misuse of "amateurish" almost a synonym for bad. Thus, Lord Dunsany is not an amateur playwright. He is a dilettant, and we get from him rubbishy plays. He is an amateur revolver shot, really loves revolver shooting, and can print his name neatly with bullets on the wall of his brilliant room. What he loves he does well. What he merely dirts with he does indifferently. Many of our local painters do not love painting; they love pastime. Herein is a tremendous difference. We all know the difference between the man who loves Bridge as a game, and the man who boasts that he merely plays it to kill time. We all know which we would sooner have for partner. The ladies could tell us, if they were less shy, what sort of man makes the best lover. A man who is consistently and conspicuously pleased with himself may pretend to be in love, but the lady will not be deceived thereby. A true amateur is one who loves, and one who loves does not readily take offence. Perfect love casteth out such weaknesses.

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No Far East port has a wider sphere of influence or more far-reaching commercial ramifications than Hongkong, and none is at the present time more prosperous. It may be urged, of course, that the commercial situation at the port, as in so many other parts of the world, is still far from normal, the aftermath of war continuing to influence conditions. It appears certain, however, that Hongkong's role as distributing centre especially for South China, has become infinitely and lastingly more important during the last few years.

A result brought about partly by the rapid industrial development of the provinces of South China and the general improvement in the status of the native population, and partly by the enterprise of Hongkong itself, particularly of the post's commercial community. A keener body of business men does not exist anywhere in the Empire than the import merchants of this busy port. Throughout the very trying period of the war they kept their heads and carried on in circumstances very often difficult and exasperating in the extreme, and to-day, faced with conditions in many respects altogether different from those obtaining before the war, they are readily adapting themselves to new sources of supply and trading methods.

A TRADE EQUAL TO £800 PER HEAD. It is, indeed, remarkable what an enormous trade is done in this little Colony of less than 30 sq. miles, with a population of under a quarter of a million. In 1919 the trade, import and export, was larger than in any previous year of the port's history. Imports amounted to no less than £68,038,888, to which must be added approximately £16,000,000 in respect of imports of raw sugar not included in the official returns; while exports reached as much as £87,738,076, making a total value of trade of nearly £172,000,000. Moreover, this year's trade, so far as it is possible to estimate it from the meagre details at present available, is certain to prove enormously larger in volume than that of 1919. Great Britain's direct contribution to the imports, for instance, during the first half of the present year, was nearly four times in value that of the corresponding period of 1919. At present each resident of Hongkong, English and Chinese, stands for trade, import and export, to the extent of £800 annually.

GROWING COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THE TRADE.

It is difficult to apportion the shares of various countries in Hongkong's import trade, many goods which have their origin in Great Britain, for example, being credited to the Straits Settlements and other parts of the Empire. It is to be noted, by the way, that trade with the British Dominions has shown enormous increase during the past few years, totalling in 1919 no less than 13½ millions sterling. Machinery and metal goods, generally, are imported chiefly from the United Kingdom and the U.S.A., cotton piece goods from Great Britain and Japan, woolen goods almost exclusively from the United Kingdom, matches, paper and coal practically entirely from Japan, motor cars from the U.S.A., and gunny bags from India. United Kingdom direct trade has increased in almost every class of merchandise except cotton piece goods, a line in which Japan is rapidly increasing its hold, although only in certain inferior qualities. In unbleached and bleached cotton goods the demand for British makes is steadily improving. It is in light cotton fancies, Italian, and Venetian that the United Kingdom manufacturers are losing ground, and it is in these lines that the Japanese score. In these days of South China development, however, cotton piece goods form only a moderate proportion of the trade, which every year becomes more comprehensive.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A football and a volley ball team from St. Paul's College, Hongkong, is at present visiting Canton.

When the "Tenyo Maru" sailed from San Francisco she carried a record passenger list of \$1,600,000 in treasure, and 2,500 bales of cotton.

The Canton Government will contribute \$12,000,000 towards the capital of the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung, according to a Canton paper for the next twelve months, at an instalment of \$1,000,000 a month.

The graduating exercises for the Class of 1920 at the Kong Chuen Hospital, Kong Chuen, Canton, under the New Zealand Mission, was held last Saturday afternoon, when four young women and one young man were presented diplomas as trained nurses. Many Chinese and foreign friends of the Hospital and the graduates from the city were present as guests at the ceremony.

General Lung Chi-kuang, former Tuchen of Kwangtung, is reported to be coming to Hongkong in a few days. His departure for the South is believed to bear importance to the situation in Canton. Several of General Lung's former lieutenants are commanding forces of a considerable size in Kwangtung, he can easily gather together at least twenty battalions if he is provided with sufficient funds.

Pope Benedict XIV has instituted a new Apostolic Vicariate at Fort Bayard in China, which comprises Hainan Island, and also the territory along the Tongking frontier. He has also instituted Apostolic Vicariates at Hanchow, and in Korea, entrusting the latter to the Benedictine monks. This Vicariate comprises that part of the Seoul Vicariate, which is confined between Northern Manchuria and the Sea of Japan.

Owing to the run made upon the head and branch offices of the Tokyo Chozo Bank on December 6 deposits amounting to some \$8,000,000 were paid out up to midnight of that day. The run was resumed the following morning, and there was a large number of depositors at the head and branch offices of the bank, claiming payment, in spite of the snow which fell in Tokyo. The authorities of the head office provided a dozen big tents for the accommodation of the depositors.

It is said that quite a large number of counterfeit 50 sen notes are now in circulation in Japan. Although every effort is being made by the authorities throughout the country to lay their hands upon the forgers, no clue is said to have been found which may lead to their arrest. The forged notes are very elaborate, turned out. The Government has decided to issue new 50 sen notes, which will be more difficult to forge, from next fiscal year.

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo has issued a circular to the local Water Police and the Japanese shipping firms and agents requesting them to pay keener attention to attempts on the part of Japanese stowaways for the purpose of entering America. It is stated that the smuggling of Japanese emigrants to America on certain Japanese liners has to some extent been instrumental in arousing anti-Japanese feeling on the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Y. P. Hsieh, M.P., who claims to be a socialist, is reported by the vernacular press, will lead a movement to agitate for the opening of the South-west China treaty ports as free ports as a protest against the Northern Government at Peking appropriating all the Customs Surplus, a portion of which should be remitted to Canton. The Peking Government and the Diplomatic Corps are at present unwilling to allow the South-west to have its portion as they have been doing in the past. It is understood also the Canton Times, that "some meetings will be arranged and parades held to make a noise in the agitation."

Problems that confront the entire Japanese business world and seriously touch on the prestige of Japan's trade in the eyes of other nations were brought out clearly to Osaka business men in an address given by Governor J. Inouye of the Bank of Japan, at the Osaka Hotel, Saturday, coming as it did from so prominent a man as Governor Inouye, connected with an institution which has during the last twelve months tided many a business institution over a period of danger, it was taken as especially significant. It sounded a warning to the business men of Japan and pointed out to all Japanese steps necessary to maintain the national credit of Japan.

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MR. N. J. STABB.

IMPENDING RETIREMENT.

BIG FAREWELL DINNER.

CHINESE TRIBUTE TO BANKER.

A large and typically lavish Chinese dinner, in honour of Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E., the retiring Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was given last night at the Kam Ling Hotel by a number of Chinese merchants and bankers.

Including the other guests of prominence, and the hosts, there were probably 150 in attendance. The floor which had been set aside for the occasion was brightly decorated with innumerable flags, lights, and coloured hangings. The dining hall itself was a blaze of colour and lights, the latter even being laid, half concealed in foliage, along the centre of the banquet table. Everywhere were flowers and flags, the British and Chinese emblems being most prominently displayed. The band of the Wiltshire Regiment, stationed in an adjoining room played through the evening.

Besides Mr. Stabb, the guests were: Messrs. A. H. Barlow, A. H. Compton, P. A. Cox, J. L. Crockett, G. M. Dowell, L. Dunbar, G. T. M. Edkins, E. J. Grist, The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. J. Bell Irving, The Hon. Mr. John Johnston, Messrs. A. O. Lang, N. S. Marshall, G. C. Moxon, W. L. Patterson, J. A. Plummer, Lieut. Col. A. Reiss, Messrs. A. G. Stephen, Murray Stewart, H. P. White, N. C. Wilson, and G. M. Young.

The Chairman was Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., L.L.D. Mr. Chan Tin Shan was the Deputy Chairman. The hosts included also: Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Dr. S. C. Ho, Messrs. Canton Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co., Chan In, Chan Kwai Lok, Chang Po Chan, Chau Ngan Ting, Cheung Kee, Cheong Shing Loong, China Overseas Trading Co., Choy Chong, Choy Kee, Chun Loon, Chun On Insurance Co., Communication Bank, Fook Lee and Co., Fook Lee, Fook Tai Cheung, Fung Kong Un, Fung Manter and Co., Fung Ping Shan, Fung Tang, Philip Cockburn, Himly and Co., Ho Cheuk, Ho In, Ho Kom Tong, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, Ho Wing, Hung Tak Bank, Ip Tak & Co., Joo Tak Shing, Ka Fat Bank, Kam Wing Bank, Ka Yuen, R. K. Kowall, Kung On Wing, Kung Yuen Hong, Kwong Fat Yuen, Kwong Mow Tai, Kwong Wing Sing, Lai Hing, Lau Sin Chuen, Lau Yu Fong, Lo Cheung Shin, M. K. Lo, W. P. Lowe & Co., Man Hing Cheung & Co., Ming On, Ming Sun Bank, Nam Yuet Wa, Ng Tung Kai, K. L. O'Hay, On Fat Bank, Shiu On Wing, Shu Loong Bank, Shu Fook Shing, Shung Yee Bank, Sincere Company, Soy Kat Bank, Soi Heng Yuen, Sze Hai Tong, The Sun Company, Tai Shun, Tai Yau Bank, Tak Shun Bank, Tin Fook Bank, Tsai Sang, Tuen Kee, Tung Hing Bank, Wing On Company, Wing Shing Loong, Wing Tak Bank, Wo Cheong, Wo Shing, Wo Hing Lung, Wong Kam Fuk, Yat Loong Bank, Yee Hing Lung, Yui Kui Yuen, Yuen Lee Yuen, Yuen Fat Hong, Yuen Tung Lee, Yuen Tze Oi, Yung Tze Ming.

The menu was as follows:—

Bird's Nest Soup.
Fried Garoupa.
Silver and Gold Pigeon Eggs.
Shark's Fin.
Grilled Soipe.
Chicken Saute and Season Vegetable.
Roast Chicken and Pate de foie gras.
Fungus.
Sliced Canton Quail.
Pillau and Congee.
Almond Cream.
Assorted Pastry.

The toast of "The King" was proposed by the Chairman, and that of "The President of the Republic of China" by Mr. Stabb.

The Chairman then proposed the health of Mr. Stabb. He said: "Mr. Stabb and Gentlemen, to my knowledge, this is the second time within the history of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation that the Chinese merchants and bankers in Hongkong have had the happy occasion of doing honour to the chief of this great institution. I feel I may indulge in some justifiable pride that on both these occasions my friends and associates in business have done me the honour to appoint me to preside at so pleasing a function. The first similar occasion was when a former illustrious Chief of the Bank, the late Sir Thomas Jackson, retired from Hongkong in 1902. The second is the impending retirement of yourself, Sir, from the Chief Management of the Bank. Just as, in the former occasion, we were ever keenly conscious of our approaching loss of a genuine friend, so to-night we feel that we are bidding farewell to one who, ever kind and considerate, was always ready to give his best in the furtherance of the commercial and industrial prosperity of the Colony. In the same way as Sir Thomas Jackson is now enshrined in the hearts of Chinese merchants as a banking genius, so I venture to think, our honoured guest this evening will occupy an abiding place in the memory of the Chinese mercantile community of Hongkong."

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Stabb for many years in business and out of business and I only wish I could give adequate expression to my appreciation of his sterling qualities. On his worth as the successful manager of a great financial institution it is unnecessary for me to enlarge.

As you know, another massive structure is building as an annex to the stately pile so well-known to Hongkong business men as the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, in order to provide accommodation for its ever increasing business. And I would point to its solid pillars and granite walls as a symbol of the Bank's financial stability and as an enduring monument of Mr. Stabb's management conducted with such conspicuous ability and signal success.

The great war has taught us many lessons, and not the least valuable one is the realisation of the marvellously delicate mechanism of national and international finance. A little vacillation, a little hesitancy, a little doubt preventing prompt action—during the early days of the world crisis in the fateful month of August 1914 might have involved the Bank and the Colony in a financial catastrophe. It is true that you were not here at that time, but your advice was available to the Consulting Board in London, and at the Head Office you had the loyal co-operation of so capable a lieutenant as Mr. A. G. Stephen, who, I am glad to see, is with us to-night. I feel certain Mr. Stephen will prove equal to any of his predecessors. His business capacity has been proved by the very able manner in which he managed the important interests of the Bank at Shanghai during recent years. I recall the speech of the Chairman of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, on Armistice Day, that the members of the Exchange had to deal in millions with the powerful assistance of your Bank at the outbreak of the war. Similarly, the financing of commercial and trading transactions in Hongkong must have run into colossal figures. But the Colony happily emerged from that critical period without any disastrous results. It affords me pleasure to recall His Majesty the King's recognition of your services in appointing you an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—an honour which, I am sure, you will feel all the happier in enjoying in the association of Mrs. Stabb as a Member of the same Order. You are shortly to leave Hongkong. We are met here this evening to tender to you and to Mrs. Stabb our best wishes that in retirement in your homeland you will live in health and happiness and the enjoyment of all that makes life worth living in the full consciousness that your duty has been well and truly done. Now, gentlemen, let us raise our glasses and drink to the health of Mr. Stabb.

The toast was received with musical honours. Mr. Stabb, responding, said: "Sir Robert Ho Tung and gentlemen, I wish to express my great appreciation of the honour the Chinese merchants and bankers have done me this evening, and I thank you all for the cordial response you have made to the toast. Sir Robert's remarks about myself are flattering in the extreme, and I take them with a grain of salt; in fact as a case of *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*. I regard this as an honour to the great bank to which I belong and which I leave with the greatest regret. The Hongkong Bank belongs to this Colony, and I venture to say, has played a very important part, not only in the development of the Colony, but also in the interests of British prestige and trade—(applause)—and not only in this Colony, but in this part of the world; not only British trade but trade generally. I take no credit to myself for the successes attained by the bank during my tenure of office. It is not due to the individual efforts of the Chief Manager, but is accounted for by the co-operation of a loyal and efficient staff. It is to the staff as a whole that you are paying honour to-night, and I know they will appreciate it. My regret at leaving the bank is almost equalled by my regret at leaving Hongkong. I have spent many happy years here and made many true friends, and I have looked upon it as home. I feel I am departing at a time when great development is about to take place, and that, in the future, Hongkong will be of much greater importance even than it is at present, which is saying a very great deal. In that future extension and development, I know the Chinese bankers, merchants, and community generally will play a very large and important part, as they have done in the past, and it is gratifying to feel that they have such a friendly feeling towards the Bank. I can assure them that the feeling is cordially reciprocated. If there is one thing I regret it is having no knowledge of the Chinese language. It is a real loss not being able to talk to them personally. I had that accomplishment; I am certain that the Chinese would have given me very useful lessons with regard to the many intricate exchange problems in which they are such past masters. (Laughter and applause).—Two days ago I was looking at a photograph taken of Hongkong, I think, in the early stages. It was of the Frays. There were not two buildings. I think it must have been of Des Voeux Road. I think Ewo was there and

several other places. There was no Bank in those days. About 20 years later our present building was erected. It was called "T.J's. Folly." Twenty years later we find it very much too small for us. I am not talking now of the Bank, but of the business of the place. Jardine's had large palatial buildings though now shut off from the sea front. Many others have large buildings now, and in another few years there will be more. I think the possibilities of this place are enormous. There is room for all of us, Chinese and foreigners alike, and I think that if we pull together the success of merchants and bankers is assured. I would like to thank Sir Robert Ho Tung for his kind references to my wife and also heartily to endorse his remarks about my successor, Mr. Stephen. If Mr. Stephen were not present I should enlarge very considerably on his many sterling qualities—(applause).—But they will disclose themselves as time goes on, and I shall spare his blushes. In concluding these few remarks, I wish again to express my sincere thanks for the very great kindness and hospitality shown me this evening, and I wish Chinese bankers and community generally very many prosperous and happy years in this most delightful Colony. One of my regrets is that I am not an orator of sufficient capability to tell you all I think of you: I wish I could. I thank you very much indeed, gentlemen. I will now ask you to drink an old toast we used to drink in Saigon, to our hosts. I think "Nam sang" was what we used to call it.

The visitors honoured the toast, and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Chan Tin-shan, speaking in Chinese, asked Mr. M. K. Lo to welcome the other guests.

Mr. Lo said:—The Vice-Chairman, who does not speak English, has requested me to address, on his behalf, a few words of welcome to our other honoured guests of the evening. It is no satisfaction on my part to say that, while appreciating keenly the honour done to me by the Vice-Chairman's request, I feel the greatest possible diffidence in undertaking this task. For I see before me the leading representatives of most branches of life which make up the thriving Colony of which we are justly proud: representatives of Bankers, shipowners, merchants and lawyers. I feel it impossible to do justice to such a brilliant constellation of guests.

Well, Gentlemen, we all realize what an important, not to say vital, part which Bankers now play in the prosperity and well-being of our present day civilisation. That the Chairman, in his eloquent speech, has just reminded you, what an extremely delicate and complicated machinery is international finance and credit, and how, at the beginning of the great war, its collapse and destruction was prevented by the genius of British bankers. It is obvious that those whose business it is to manage and control large banking institutions must be men of decision, knowledge, honesty and integrity. We rejoice, therefore, to find among our guests to-night such men as Mr. Crockett, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Wilson as representative of leading banks here, and although we are bidding farewell to the striking personality of the head of the premier bank in Hongkong, we extend to his very worthy successor, Mr. Stephen, our warmest welcome.

As regards the shipping and merchant Hong, it is superfluous for me to say much. To them, in a large measure, we owe the commercial vitality of this port, and its enviable position as one of the greatest shipping and commercial centres in the world.

We are fortunate indeed in having among us not only the heads of the "princely houses," but also representatives of so many other leading firms. The Great War has effected a revolutionary change not only in material things, but in man's ideas and outlook, and it seems to me that one result of this change, whether for good or evil, is man's altered conception of the basic principles of human societies in general, and of the relation of capital and labour in particular. And here I desire to sound just a personal note.

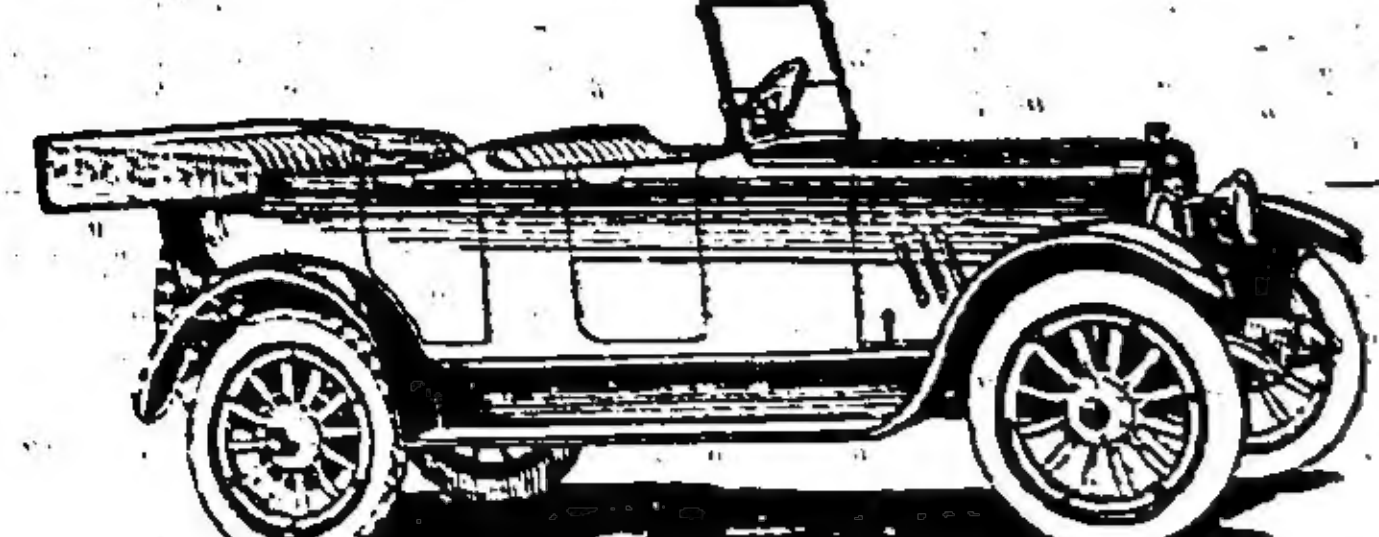
Some time ago I had the great pleasure of meeting the Hon. Mr. J. Johnston in connection with an industrial dispute. I found him kind and entirely sympathetic with the men's desires and aspirations. And when we have employers of the type of Mr. Johnston in Hongkong, I feel that the future is unclouded, and that, with the signal "All clear ahead," Hongkong will sail in her calm seas of commercial prosperity to her bright destiny.

And last, but not least, I come to the distinguished members of my own profession. And here, I feel more at ease, for I have already received so much kindness from them that I know I shall be forgiven not only for my commissions but for my omissions in my reference to them.

I believe it is getting to be more or less a truism in England that the legal profession is the most maligned at the same time most trusted of the professions. The public are very fond of making cheap jokes at their expense, but when there is

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MR. N. J. STABE.

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anything difficult to do, they always turn to the lawyers, and they have never turned in vain. I hope that in Hongkong we are more appreciated, and in any case seeing that solicitors, like Mr. Grist whom we are pleased to see this evening, and advocates are always overwhelmed with work, we can imagine how essential they are to the Colony.

I feel I have already taken up more of your time than I should, but before I sit down, I desire to say just one word about another prominent member of the Hongkong Community, namely the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, who has honoured us with his presence this evening. A man of extraordinary versatility, his activities embrace such diverse subjects, as St. John's Ambulance Brigade, in which he is the Corps Superintendent, St. George's Society, the Automobile Association, and Constitutional Reform. He is, as you all know, the Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, and, together with the Hon. Mr. J. Johnston, represented Hongkong in the Shanghai Conference. I think it is no exaggeration to say that he is one of the most striking figures in our public life, and the Colony is greatly indebted to him for all his public services. And now I ask those of you who have the honour of being hosts this evening to join with me in drinking a bumper to our other guests coupling with the toast the name of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

Mr. Holyoak said he could not tell Sir Robert Ho Tung and the members of the Chinese banking community and the Chinese merchants, how deeply sensible he was of the compliment paid him in asking him to respond to the toast of "Our other guests." He was deeply sensible that the honour was paid him not in a personal sense, but because he happened to be Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in Hongkong, and, therefore, represented almost all the great interests in the Colony. He fully recognised that the compliment was paid, in spite of criticism which might be levelled from time to time at that body, for the honest and sincere work which it did in the general interests of the entire community. The guests very much appreciated the honour done them in asking them to join in honouring one whom they delighted to honour. He would have another opportunity, so he would not add to what the Chairman had said as to Mr. Stabbe's invaluable services to commerce in the Colony. The guests welcomed this opportunity of meeting their Chinese friends in a common cause. Co-operation was the spirit of the age, but co-operation in any community could not come about without mutual understanding. Such gatherings as these swept away the cobwebs of misunderstanding, which so often interfered with common friendships and common interests. These friendly meetings led to deeper and more profound understandings, which must inevitably draw people closer together in the future. He asked the guests to drink the health of the hosts.

The dinner then concluded. Mr. Stabbe, who has been connected with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for thirty-four years, through the East, will sail on December 29th on the Pacific Mail steamer "Colombia" for San Francisco, on his way to England. Mr. Stephen, who succeeds him here, has been manager of the Shanghai branch for several years. During Mr. Stabbe's absence from Hongkong in 1914 he was in temporary charge here, and is well acquainted in the Colony.

The following appointments have been made to the gunboat flotilla on the Chinese rivers—Acting-Lieutenant P. G. Gilmore to the "Cricket"; Acting-Lieutenant C. W. E. Vorlett to the "Mantis"; Acting-Lieutenant G. D. Stokes to the "Cockchafer"; Acting-Lieutenant P. Lane to the "Moth"; Acting-Lieutenant C. E. I. Gibbs to the "Cicala"; Acting-Lieutenant S. F. Mitchell has been posted to the light cruiser "Cairo," China Station, from the 4th inst., and Acting-Lieutenant K. W. B. Harvey has been posted to the light cruiser "Colombo," same station, from the same date. A large number of Royal Artillery subalterns promoted from the ranks during the war, and who had little hope of getting their captaincies before being tripped up by the age rules, have taken the special retired pay offered them some months ago.

For my part I don't see any necessity for a V.D.C. in Hongkong, where we have an efficient garrison as well as our naval defences. We might, however, do better with an R.A.F. detachment. A good idea to my mind would be to have just a muster on paper of all ex-service men in our midst, who would no doubt be quite willing to show up on parade, say once a year, just to have a look at each other. But this is just a smaller pander. What I say is, let those join who wish to, but preserve us from recruiting speeches from people who never saw the war, and are unable to appreciate the slow growth of a wider reason which is emerging from the shambles. I'm afraid I don't articulate too well. Let's leave it to Adversarius—I am, Sir, yours, etc., "THE MAN IN THE CLUB."

CORRESPONDENCE.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Dear Sir.—We must thank you for putting the notice of our Sale in the paper. Now, the Diocesan Girls' School, past and present (that is everyone in any way belonging to it, wish to thank all the kind friends and supporters who so nobly contributed to the very great success of the Sale on Saturday. It is quite impossible to mention names, so many kind people gave their personal assistance or helped with gifts for stalls, sweets, or provisions for tea. The latter were so profuse that the children of the Victoria and Blind Homes were able after the Sale to share in the good things.

One person we must thank specially and that is Lady Stubbs, for giving up the afternoon of a very busy day, in between two engagements, to come and encourage us.

As \$1,150 was taken in the hall on Saturday, and upwards of \$400 was sent in donations, we can send \$400 to each of the homes, and \$700 to the famine fund.

The Christmas tree is doing duty a second time at Old Kowloon City this week.—We remain, faithfully yours,

THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

December 20, 1920.

THE Y.D.C.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir.—I don't like "Truth Groper." He is not a nice man to know, if indeed we can attribute manhood to one from whom such childish riddle emanates. The public ought to be spared the pain which is inflicted upon it, by this careless printing of any and every letter which may reach the Editor's hands. "Truth Groper" is merely a wisecrack, a poor simpleton who fancies he has the gleanings of intelligence. He contradicts himself all through, and confesses his selfish motives when putting forward his own case. He talks about the waste of time and yet is himself culpably guilty of wasting the time of others.

The Y.D.C. has been recognised by the Military Authorities as a very welcome and useful asset in the defence of the Colony, and should be given every encouragement. Let those who do not wish to adopt the full life of a citizen of the Empire hold their tongues and not seek to dissuade the unselfish service of others.—Yours, etc.,

"COMMON SENSE."

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Dear Sir.—I read with interest "Truth Groper's" letter on the V.D.C. which appeared in your columns on Monday. His point about "wasted time" particularly appealed to me. It is a good one.

Let me say that I too have been through the War, and though I will not bore your readers with an account of my experiences, yet I will say, how foolish it seems to me, is this silly Volunteer scheme. It is a small pander to something phantasmal, as "Truth Groper" puts it. If there is anything, then let's devise something thorough, to meet that something. Let us not dilly dally with trifles, such as this 10 drill a year scheme.

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THE NEW SHIPS.

STEAM TURBINES.

HONGKONG'S PIONEER EFFORT.

Changes in the arrangements or driving ships through the water are not apparent to passengers, but they very much affect the comfort of those who travel at sea. A new stage of ocean travel commenced in the Far East with the arrival of the two Empress vessels, which are equipped with steam turbines and which travel very much faster than their predecessors. It is true that we are, in this part of the world, still a long way behind in the comforts of ocean travelling from the passengers who cross the Atlantic, says the *N. C. Daily News*. But we live in hopes. The feature of the present century, so far as shipping is concerned, will be development of the Pacific routes and the increase in size of the Pacific ports. The new ships come out here from Europe and America, and some of them we notice while others complete a maiden voyage without any remark. A number of ships are now built in Japan, many of them with the latest equipment in their engine-rooms; others slide into the water from the yards in Shanghai or Hongkong. That is a comparatively new triumph of the shipyards in China, but it means a great deal. Before the war only ship repairing was done in these yards, now ships are built and practically all of the propelling machinery is constructed with Chinese labour.

The latest news from Hongkong is that a new turbine-building ship is being built at the Takoo Dockyard. No one will fail to see that is a most significant step and it merits commendation. The steam turbine is an invention of the last twenty-five years, but it has proved itself to be a most efficient machine. It is of some interest to note that the ancient Egyptians, more than two thousand years ago, used the force of steam to operate a small wheel—it would be called a turbine in these days, although a very inefficient one. The wheel in its turn was attached to the temple doors and at the required signal the dignified Egyptian priest performed a miracle. No one was near the temple doors, but he pressed a lever hidden under the altar, with his foot and opened a steam valve that was situated under the floor. Thus was steam admitted to Hero's elementary turbine and the doors swung open as a sign from the Gods! For centuries that idea was forgotten or buried. Painfully the knowledge of the capabilities and force of steam was built up. About a century ago the phenomena of land and ocean locomotion by means of steam were being discussed but none of these early pioneers thought of the present day machinery. For nearly a century the reciprocating steam engine, working on practically the same old principles, but with certain mechanical developments and improvement in material, continued to be used. Then came the steam turbine, which is now so extensively fitted for passenger vessels and men-of-war. The engine-room of a ship fitted with steam turbines is a remarkable sight as compared with the ordinary engine-rooms in which are reciprocating engines. There are no moving masses of metal, none of the things that Kipling's *McAndrew* reminds us of. Everything in connection with the steam turbine is boxed up; the engineers might wear kid gloves in these engine rooms.

Are we to see a transformation of the machinery of the China Coast ships during the next few years? It seems not unlikely since the arrangements for the construction of steam turbines at Hongkong are probably only a pioneer effort which other firms in China will copy. And shall we see any increase in the size of the new ships? We do not forget the harbour difficulties, but there is every reason to believe that experts will make improvements in the harbours, ports and docks of the China coast as at Singapore and Colombo. Passage through the Suez Canal may limit size in the vessels which come East from Europe; but the average passenger likes to travel on a big ship, and although at present his convenience appears to count for little in the eyes of shipping companies sooner or later he will come into his own again. For that day the Hongkong builders' yards at least are preparing.

Among the presents received by Mr. N. A. M. Griffin, acting Chief Police Officer, Singapore, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Monica Desbriess Brooks, eldest daughter of Dr. Gilbert Brooke, acting principal Civil Medical Officer, Straits Settlements, was a silver cigarette box from the Hongkong Interport Cricket team. From the Straits Cricket team which he captained in Hongkong, Mr. Griffin received an autographed silver salver.

SHANGHAI SHOOTING AFFRAY.

FOREIGNER ARRESTED.

AMERICAN RESIDENT SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

As briefly reported in a special wire to the *China Mail*, about midnight on December 13, an American named R. F. Hazleton, a resident of Shanghai, was conveyed to the General Hospital suffering from a revolver wound alleged to have been inflicted by a visitor to the "Eldorado" in Jukong Road. Later, the Police arrested Henry B. Furbush, aged 25, 3rd engineer on the str. "Edgehill," against whom a charge of attempted murder has been preferred in connection with the affair.

On the morning of December 14 at 10 o'clock, Major Holcomb, District Attorney and Mr. F. J. Schuhl, Commissioner of the U. S. Court for China, visited the hospital for the purpose of taking Hazleton's deposition, but at that time the injured man was not in a condition to make a statement.

It appears that Hazleton visited the "Eldorado" in company with some friends, and whilst they were there Furbush and another man named Quinn came in, both of them being under the influence of drink. Some disturbance arose, in the course of which a stove was overturned. Hazleton apparently attempted to smooth matters over, and eventually Furbush and his companion sat down at his table. It was observed that Furbush carried a revolver in one of his pockets, and a friend quietly drew Hazleton's attention to this fact. He induced Furbush and the other man to leave the room, and in the cloak room tried to persuade them to be quiet. Shortly afterwards a shot was heard as he was entering the room again from the cloak room. He had been struck in the back with a bullet which passed through his body. A cartridge was afterwards found in the room, but the revolver has not yet been discovered.

Furbush was held by a sailor and a marine and handed over to members of the Municipal Police who were summoned by telephone. Hazleton in the meantime having been conveyed to the hospital, outside which the police found and arrested Quinn, who is charged with being drunk and disorderly and who is being held as a witness. Shortly after five o'clock Hazleton regained consciousness and when Furbush was taken to his bedside, he identified Quinn as the man who, he said, had shot him.

Upon inquiries made it was learned that there was no change in Hazleton's condition.

The *N. C. Daily News* understands that Mr. M. L. Heen has been appointed to represent Furbush when the accused is brought before the Court and formally charged. The hearing will take place when Hazleton's condition is determined.

TROUBLESOME VISAS.

WHY NOT ABOLISH THEM?

"PRACTICALLY NOTHING BUT AN INCONVENIENCE."

Various suggestions have been considered by the Passports Conference sitting in Paris for making foreign travel less irksome. They are on the lines that have been widely advocated for months past, and there is ground for hope that sooner or later they will become effective.

Sir Martin Conway, who has led the crusade against the troublesome system, which has been continued since the war, had, however, no precise news, when a representative of *The Observer* called to see him the other day, concerning the fate of the proposals. "In fact," he said, "there is very little I can say, except that the present situation is entirely intolerable. Worse than the time and expense that have to be spent on getting visas by anyone who is going across Europe, say from London to Bucharest, is the trouble and discomfort that are experienced in crossing the frontier owing to the most unpleasant manner in which the regulations are often enforced. There is on the part of the official almost an entire disregard for the convenience of the public."

"Do you not think," Sir Martin was asked, "that the visa might be abolished altogether?" "Personally I do," he said. "It is practically nothing but an inconvenience. Its practical utility is nil in most cases. We are hoping to have it abolished at the earliest possible moment. It is supposed to be a bar to the spread of Bolshevism, but experience has long shown that those who want to keep out by such regulations as this are the very persons who are always managing to evade them."

One of the main resolutions put forward by the British members of the conference was to keep steadily in view the goal of "having one common passport which will not necessitate visas between members of the League of Nations." Until this goal is finally attained specially reduced rates for visas are advocated amongst, at any rate, neighbouring nations.

BIG OPIUM HAUL.

OVER 1,000 TARKS SEIZED.

BOATMAN SENT TO JAIL.

At the Magistracy this morning, charged by Inspector Kent, of No. 2, Police Station, before Magistrate Orme, with the unlawful possession of 1,080 tarks of prepared non-Government opium valued at \$12,720 a boatman pleaded "guilty."

The Inspector said that the drug was seized by Sergeant Kelly on board the accused's cargo junk yesterday afternoon at the Praya off the Wo Ping Theatre. The drug, wrapped up in matting, was concealed under boarding in the fore part of the vessel. At the station, added the Inspector, the defendant stated that he was paid \$30 by a man on board a ship to keep the drug on his junk for a night.

The Magistrate enquired if it were the practice to banish the accused in such cases.

The Inspector said that it could not be done in this case as the accused was born in Aberdeen.

Sentence of twelve months' hard labour was passed. The drug was confiscated.

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L. S. GREENHILL.

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 21, 1920.

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ROBBERY CASE HEARD.

CHARGED ON TWO COUNTS.

At the December Session of the Criminal Court this morning, before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, Wong Man-cheong was charged on two counts with robbing Chan Cheong of \$49 in money, and clothing and jewellery to the value of \$200, and with receiving stolen goods.

The robbery was alleged to have occurred at Ho Mun Tin on November 6, 1920. Mr. Dyer Ball prosecuted for the Crown. Mr. T. N. Chan, instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall, appeared for the defence.

The defendant pleaded not guilty. The following jury was empanelled: Joshua Brook, Frank Travers, Alfred Allison, Paul Lander, F. O. Gourdin, K. M. Fetterly, and V. Gonsalves.

Mr. Ball outlined the case. The village of Ho Mun Tin lies near the Canton-Kowloon Railroad. The robbery took place shortly after midnight. Chin Cheong and family were asleep in their matched house when six men entered. One had a dagger. They threatened Chan Cheong and his wife, who in terror gave up their keys. The robbers then ransacked the place and took the valuables. Neither Chan Cheong nor his wife was able to identify the robbers. It happened that a vegetable gardener living about five minutes walk away, was roused by the barking of dogs and went out. This was about 12.30 a.m. He saw a man in his vegetable garden with a bundle and questioned him. The man then ran away, pursued by the dogs. He dropped the bundle. The vegetable gardener arrested him. This man was the defendant in the case. Examination of the contents of the bundle revealed that they were part of the property stolen from the matched.

The prisoner, he said, had made a statement that he had been asked to meet a man that night to carry something for him to a certain place. More of the stolen property was found in the place referred to.

He would ask the jury to believe that the defendant took part in the robbery. If it did not come to this conclusion, he would call attention to the fact that he was charged on a second count, that of receiving stolen property.

Chan Cheong, the victim of the robbery, said that three of the men carried torches, and one had a dagger. They broke in the door. He asked them to spare him and his wife, and to take what they wanted. He was too frightened to call out for help. The robbers remained for more than an hour. When they had gone, he went to the police station to report the robbery. There he saw a bundle of clothing which he recognized as belonging to himself and his wife. He identified another bundle of clothing as his, but did not know how the police had recovered it.

Asked if he had found out just what articles of clothing were missing, he said: "I have so many clothes, I cannot remember." He explained his failure to recognize the prisoner, in view of the statement that the robbers were in the house more than an hour, by the poor light, his bad eyesight, and the fact that he did not dare look up while they were there.

The wife of Chan Cheong and the vegetable gardener also gave evidence.

The defendant was found not guilty on the first count and guilty on the second count on which he was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

BLAZING MATSHED.

SLEEPING COOLIES
AWAKE-VED.

FIRE AT SHANKUWAN.

Shortly after a gang of 80 coolies employed on road construction work in Shankuwan had settled down to sleep in their matched at Saiwanho yesterday evening a fire broke out. The alarm was at once given and all the men managed to make their escape from the burning structure. The Fire Brigade was summoned but arrived too late to save the shed. The extent of the damage to the coolies' property, which was all consumed by the flames, has not been ascertained. The cause of the outbreak is a mystery. The American Pentecost Mission put up the homeless coolies in their house for the night.

TEN YEARS FEUD.

MILLIONAIRE AND HIS SON.

RECONCILED AT LAST.

The long feud between Herr August Thyssen, Germany's second richest man and his son has come to an end. Ten years ago this coal king quarrelled with his second son, August Thyssen, junior, over various money matters but chiefly regarding the division of the mother's fortune.

They went to law, and nearly a score of cases were fought.

Meanwhile young Thyssen, certain by German law to inherit a proportion of his father's fortune, settled down in one of the foremost Berlin hotels. Banks and money lenders were only too glad to supply him with funds in exchange for I.O.U.'s—indeed those documents became so numerous as to be actually current as money in certain strata of Berlin society.

The young man, too, went into business, and set up various concerns, often with a view to competing against his father. Bad luck attended all his ventures, and his debts amounted to many millions.

Now it is all over. August Thyssen senior is 79, and friends have worked hard during the past two years to bring about a reconciliation. At the week end father and son met for the first time for ten years, and family relations were declared resumed and everything forgotten and forgiven.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. "Pyrrhus" today—Mrs. D. Gov. Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nicoll, Messrs. H. G. Washbrook, T. O'Connor, Mrs. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. and Mrs. E. Mc Dowell, Capt. and Mrs. E. D. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, Messrs. L. N. Newry, A. H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Macle, Mrs. A. Barton, Miss Barton, Mrs. Youngs, Mrs. D. Craddock, Mr. and Mrs. Dunkerley, Mrs. Simon, Capt. A. S. Woodgett, Mr. J. McAllister Young, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. and Miss Holgate, Mrs. B. H. Douglas, Messrs. F. Stubbs, L. S. Harvie, B. E. Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Averay-Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. S. and Mrs. James and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pollock, The Misses Cooke, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Parry-Jackson, Mrs. Copeland, Miss Higgins, Mrs. T. Wilson, Master Wilson, Mrs. N. F. W. Peel and infant, Messrs. A. Campbell, J. V. Allard, A. S. Galsten, Morgan, D. F. Barnes, J. S. Radford, W. C. C. Cook, F. A. Chick, and Captain Higgins.

One case of diphtheria, Chinese, was reported yesterday. Last week, in addition to eight Chinese who died from influenza (not notifiable), one died from plague, another from diphtheria, and a third from enteric fever.

SPORT.

RUGBY.

ARMY V. NAVY.

This match, which was played on the Club ground, Happy Valley, yesterday evening, was watched by a large gathering of Service men and civilians, led by the previous performances of the contesting teams to expect a fine exhibition and a very close game of "rugger." They had all the excitement they wanted. The standard of play exhibited was of no mean order. The spectators, however, were sorely disappointed in that the teams were not evenly matched. The Naval men, who turned out strong, were too good for the hard working but badly combined Army team, and outplayed them in every department of the game, winning by sixteen points to nil.

The Army set the oval in motion, but the Navy gathered and immediately made a rush for enemy territory. South, who was playing his usual dashing game, was very dangerous, and Phillips was lucky in managing to bring him to earth almost on the line, thus saving his side from an early defeat. An attempt was made by the Army to get away, but the Navy was playing with determination and some-how did practically what they liked with the oval which the Army was not allowed to retain long enough to give the Navy defence any anxiety. From a scrum in the Army half of the field, the Navy broke through on the left, and by means of a fine series of passes which delighted the spectators, crossed the Army line, and scored a try which Gary converted with a beautiful kick from a very awkward angle. With the Navy leading by five points, the Army tried to get away, but the Naval men were on them as soon as they got the oval. Ten minutes later, the Navy again besieged the Army citadel, and after several strenuous scrums in which the Army defence worked like muzzlers, crossed the line. Gary again took the try from the same angle as the previous one and was successful in scoring another five points for his side. In spite of frantic efforts by the Army forwards to get away, the oval was kept in their territory for the rest of the first half, and when the whistle came, the Navy was starting another of their irresistible rushes. Time saved the situation, and the teams crossed over with the Navy leading by 10 points to nil.

The resumption saw the Army playing with determination. By means of hard-work, they managed to get into enemy territory, but they did not stay there long, and a fine tackle saw the Navy in possession. A punt to mid-field set the Navy forwards going, and soon they were in the danger zone. From a mêlée very close to the Army line, South broke through and scored a try. He took the kick himself, but failed to convert. The Navy was now leading by 13 points and the Army seemed to realize that if they did not start up, they would be hopelessly beaten, for at the restart, they made strenuous efforts to gather the oval. However, luck was against them, and getting possession, the Navy lost no time in assuming the offensive. Their first attack was checked in the nick of time, but, returning a few minutes later, Watkins, by means of fine piece of individual play, crossed the line and scored the hardest try of the game. Ansell took the kick but did not convert. This further reverse proved too much for the Army, and with the resumption, they forced themselves into the line. Playing with great dash, they were for the first time really dangerous, and showed what they could do when properly roused. Many there were among the spectators who expressed the opinion that had the Army started with such spirited dashes, they would have opened the scoring. They were all over the Navy, and everyone was expecting an Army score at any moment. Hancock and Watkins, however, played sterling games and saved what looked like impossible situations in very convincing fashion. Phillips, the Army back, was then called upon to guard his charge, and he cleared in admirable style. Working hard, the Army returned to the attack and kicked the oval over the Navy line, but before they could follow up, the back had cleared. A ding dong struggle followed for a while, with the Army having the best of the exchanges, but time was against them, and before they could again organise an attack, the final whistle came with the Navy winners by 16 points to nil.

Commander Wodehouse of H.M.S. "Hawkins" had charge of the match.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

NG SZE KWONG'S XI V.
KOWLOON C.C.

A friendly cricket match has been arranged to take place on the Kowloon C.C. ground on Monday, December 27, between the Club team and an XI captained by Mr. Ng Sze Kwong. The match is scheduled to start at 10.30 a.m. prompt. The following will form Mr. Ng Sze Kwong's team—Ng Sze Kwong (Capt.), A. H. Rumjahn, George Lee, S. Jex, Wei Wing Lock, A. A. Rumjahn, U. Omar, G. A. V. Heil, Un Hew Fan, Harry Chung and Lo Man Pan. Scorer: Choa Man Ping.

XMAS GOLF.

R.H.G.C. PROGRAMME.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club has arranged the following programme for the Xmas holiday—December 25, 26 and 27—An Electrical Pool Competition. Old Course. 50 cents each card. Open to men. December 26 (afternoon)—Mixed Foursomes. Entrance fee \$1 each pair. December 27 (morning)—Men's Medal Competition (Handicap). Old Course. Ladies' Bogey Competition (Handicap) on first nine holes of the New Course. December 27 (afternoon)—Ladies' and Gents' Driving, Approaching and Putting, and Caddy Golf Competitions on part of New Course. The competitions are open to all Lady and Gentlemen golfers. All the events are post entries. Winners of events held on December 27 will receive prizes.

SHAMHEEN FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Following is the league table of the Shamheer Football League up to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.T.S.
Shamheer F.C.	8	5	2	1	11
"Tarantula"	6	3	1	2	8
"Cicala"	5	3	2	0	6
C.M. Customs	5	2	2	1	5
"Moonbe"	1	0	1	0	0
"Robin"	2	0	2	0	0
Boy's Own Club	6	0	6	0	0

HOME FOOTBALL.

FIRST LEAGUE.

Results to Saturday, Nov. 6 (Inclusive)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.
Ascan Villa	14	8	3	3	16
Newcastle United	13	8	3	2	13
Liverpool	13	7	3	3	13
Burnley	13	6	3	4	12
Blackburn	13	6	3	4	12
Everton	13	6	4	3	11
Bolton Wanderers	14	6	4	4	11
Tottenham Hot	13	6	5	2	11
Manchester United	13	6	4	3	11
Reading	13	6	5	2	11
Sheff. Wed. Th.	13	6	5	2	11
Blackburn	13	6	5	2	11
Blackburn City	13	6	5	2	11
Blackburn Rovers	13	6	5	2	11
Bradford City	13	6	5	2	11
Sheff. United	13	6	5	2	11
Sheff. United	13	6	5	2	11
Sheff. United	13	6	5	2	11
Sheff. United	13	6	5	2	11

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Results to Saturday, Nov. 6 (Inclusive)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.
South Shields	13	8	2	3	14
Cardiff City	13	8	2	3	14
Bristol City	13	8	2	3	14
Blackpool	13	8	2	3	14
Clapton Orient	13	8	2	3	14
Rotherham County	13	8	2	3	14
West Ham United	13	8	2	3	14
Leicester City	13	8	2	3	14
Birmingham	13	8	2	3	14
Spoke	13	8	2	3	14
Notts County	13	8	2	3	14
Hull City	13	8	2	3	14
Nottingham Forest	13	8	2	3	14
Bury	13	8	2	3	14
Port Vale	13	8	2	3	14
Leeds United	13	8	2	3	14
The Wednesday	13	8	2	3	14
Barnley	13	8	2	3	14
Sheff. United	13	8	2	3	14
Coventry City	13	8	2	3	14
Wolverhampton	13	8	2	3	14
Stockport County	13	8	2	3	14

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Results to Saturday, Nov. 6 (Inclusive)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.
Rangers	16	15	0	1	31
Celtic	16	12	2	2	26
Airdrieonians	16	10	2	4	24
Morton	17	7	7	3	20
Motherwell	16	8	5	3	21
Dundee	16	8	4	4	20
Partick Thistle	16	7	4	5	19
Hearts	17	6	5	5	18
Clyde	17	6	5	6	18
Hamilton A.B.	16	7	6	3	19
St. Mirren	16	6	7	3	18
Third Lanark	16	6	7	3	18
Aberdeen	17	5	7	5	15
Leith Rovers	17	7	10	0	14
Falkirk	17	4	7	6	13
Elgin City	17	4	7	6	13
Queen's Park	17	4	7	6	13
Albion Rovers	18	4	8	6	12
Ayr United	17	4	8	5	12
Cygnahak	18	3	7	8	9
St. Johnstone	18	3	11	4	8
Dumbarton	17	2	13	2	7

ALLEGED FORGERY.

CHINESE SALESMAN CHARGED.

FIRM'S CHOP MISUSED?

Before Magistrate Smith at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, a case was heard in which a salesman employed by the Leun Yik firm, of No. 19, Winglok Street, was charged with obtaining \$400 from a Chinese merchant by uttering a forged document.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson appeared for the prosecution. Mr. E. J. Grist, for the defence, pleaded "not guilty" in behalf of his client.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the accused, who had had business transactions with the complainant on behalf of the Leun Yik firm, which he represented, approached the complainant on December 14 and asked for a loan of \$400, promising to send him some camphor in a few days' time to be sold. The loan was made and a receipt drawn up by the accused who affixed on it a chop which he asserted was the Leun Yik firm's chop. Discovering soon after the accused's departure that the chop was not genuine, the complainant went to the Leun Yik firm where he demanded that the accused return the money to him. The accused told the complainant that he had handed the money to a member of the Money Changers' Guild in Des Voeux Road, and offered to take the complainant there to recover the money. The complainant went with the accused but they failed to find the man. Later in the day the complainant informed the police and the accused was arrested. When he was searched at the station, the police discovered on his person \$100 in \$10 notes which the prosecution alleged was part of the money the accused had received from the complainant.

The case was adjourned until today, when, after the complainant had given evidence and produced other documents from the Leun Yik firm bearing chops different from the one the accused had affixed on the receipt, Mr. Grist produced account books to prove that the \$100 found on the defendant was not the complainant's money.

The case is proceeding.

FUNERAL.

LATE SERGT. H. TITMAS.

The funeral of the late Sergt. H. Titmas, of the R.N.Y. Police, who died at the Royal Naval Hospital on Sunday evening after a month's illness, took place at 5 p.m. yesterday. The cortege was headed by the band of H.M.S. "Hawkins," which rendered Chopin's Funeral March. The Rev. Crole-Rees officiated. Previous to joining the Naval Dockyard Police in 1903, the deceased served in the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment), taking part with them in the South African war 1890-1902, at which he won two medals and clasps. Several old regimental comrades were among the large attendance of friends at the graveside yesterday.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes sent were wreaths from Commodore and Mrs. Bowden-Smith, Commander F. M. Hodgson, R.N., The Dockyard Officers, Chief Constructors Department, Mr. A. S. Abbot, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay and family, Inspector, and Mrs. Fox, Sergeant's Water Police, Naval and Military Chaplain 302 S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Teale, Marjorie and Mrs. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. J. Spradberry, Naval and Military Lodge, 848. S.C. Inspectors Water Police Station, Commander of Dockyard Department, Mr. U. Tim, the Members R. N. Indian Dockyard Police, Kowloon Dock Staff, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Hast, R. N. Sub Depot and Kowloon Depot, Dockyard Recreation Club, H. Ruttonjee and Son, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. W. Ward, Mr. Staff, O. C. W. Dept., Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Mr. Leung Sun, the Officers Torpedo and Sub Depot, Mr. and Mrs. Drew and family, Sgt. and Mrs. George and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Liley, Mr. Bristow, Mr. Gries, Mr. and Mrs. Oxberry, Inspector Churcher, Mr. and Mrs. Spanton, C.P.O.'s & P.O.'s of H.M.S. "Tamar," and members of the R. N. Y. Police.

TO-DAYS ADVERTISEMENT.

G. B.

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the new road extending from Gap Road, near the Dham Sala to Waichai Gap is now open for traffic. W. CHATELAIN.
Director of Public Works.
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"DANGEROUS JOB."

UNSAFE EDITORIAL SANCTIONS.

Running a paper in Canton is a dangerous job, according to the Canton Times, which states that less than two weeks ago the editorial rooms of four Canton newspapers were invaded by soldiers who arrested several journalists and in one instance where four members of the staff were taken into custody so dangerous the office equipment that publication had to be suspended. Three visitors at the office were also arrested. No definite charges were framed and the prisoners were denied the privilege of receiving visitors or counsel or asking the price for ransom.

In another case where illiterate soldiers having misread the sign of a newspaper office, raided the wrong place, the journalists arrested in mistake were not released immediately the error was discovered, but, together with the wronged journal, were forced to obtain security.

For a time it looked as if all the Canton newspapers would be suspended again, this time of their own accord "as a protest against the lawlessness committed by the armed force against unarmed and peaceful citizens and legitimate business."

Both the Military Government and the Provincial Government are now investigating the matter.

HUMBLE PREY.

RICHES COOLIE ROBBED.

TAIPO ROAD HOLD-UP.

According to a report made by a rich coolie to the Samshui police a respectable dressed Chinese engaged his vehicle in Mongkok last night for the ostensible purpose of going to Laichuek. When about half the distance had been covered and the coolie was negotiating a very dark and isolated spot near Kitshiki, on the Taiipo Road, two men rushed out from the hillside in front of his vehicle and pulled him up. In his fright the coolie dropped the shafts. The fare jumped out and made off. Ignoring the fare, the highwaymen turned their attention to the coolie. After handling him very roughly, they threw him to the ground and then divested him of a cotton coat valued at \$1. While one man pressed the coolie down, the other undid his girdle and took a purse containing \$150 which represented his day's takings. After giving the complainant, under beating, the robbers left him lying on the road, and made off in the direction of Laichuek in the wake of the fare. From the behaviour of the highwaymen who let him go unmolested, the complainant suspected that the fare was an accomplice to the robbery.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

JUTLAND DESPATCHES.

LONDON, December 17th.

The Jutland despatches have been published by the Admiralty. The volume contains 600 pages which include Lord Jellicoe's description of the battle and narratives of the various commanders. Lord Jellicoe says that he did not feel any regret regarding the advanced position of Lord Beatty's force, because of its superior gun power and speed. Lord Beatty adopted the rear and the only possible course was to fight the enemy and his base. A distinguishing feature of the battle-cruiser action was the fact that five German torpedoing ships were able to sink the *Queen Elizabeth* long range ship of the *Queen Elizabeth* class. The facts contributing to British losses were indifferent armour protection and disadvantage of light, but German gunnery in the early stages was of the highest standard.

Further, the German night-time organisation was very good. Their system of recognition of signals was excellent. Our was practically nil. Their searchlights were superior. The German ships were able to anticipate the enemy's movements, and under cover of darkness, the most difficult move to counter. Admiral Beatty's mistake was in not anticipating this movement and devoting his counter movement. The time and counter movement was not ample time and counter movement can be an answer to this. It means that, unless the Fleet meets early in the day, it is most difficult, if not impossible, to fight an action to the finish. The enemy, on this occasion, did not want to find out the Fleet's present position.

The enemy had no time to lay a prepared mine area and not much time to place submarines, although many were present. It is not likely that in future actions we should be so favoured, and the element of time, therefore, would be still more important. It might actually be necessary, properly, to delay the close of the action on account of the possibilities afforded for the mine and the submarine preparing a trap on a large scale. This possibility would increase as enemy submarines increased.

Lord Jellicoe paid tribute to the Fleet Officers handling the Fleet, and says, "A feature of the action was the numerous torpedoes which crossed the line without effect, except as regards the *Uranos*. All were avoided by skilful handling. The *Uranos*, however, herself, evaded death."

The results of the action, particularly the knowledge of the unexpected speed of the enemy's Third Squadron, must influence our future tactics. It will not be advisable for the fleet to place the Fifth Battle Squadron in a position removed from support.

The volume includes the German Admiral Scheer's report, which says that the decisive factor in the success, which he claims, was both direct and indirect, the long range heavy armament, and larger vessels, which caused the greater part of the known losses to be inflicted on the enemy, enabled the Fleet to successfully attack the Main Fleet. Admiral Scheer's account of the battle, which he claims, was that the large vessels, the battle ships and the cruisers, remained the foundation of sea-power and should be further developed.

Interesting points in the despatches are the disclosure of the fact that it was the Admiralty who received information that the German Fleet was coming out, and ordered the Fleet to sea in the afternoon, that previous to the battle Lord Jellicoe fired the redoubtable of the three separated Fleets at 2 o'clock the next afternoon; and that Lord Beatty's famous signal was not as variously reported, "Follow me. We have got them cold," but "Submarine battle-ships follow the battle-cruisers. We can then cut off the whole enemy's battle-fleet."

On receipt of this Lord Jellicoe signalled "Second Battle Squadron follow our battle-cruisers." Lord Beatty's signal was timed 7.50 in the evening, not as previously reported nearer 7.15, which was the crisis of the battle.

Lord Jellicoe's order to the Battle Squadron was telegraphed at 8.10. Lord Beatty, meanwhile, was pushing ahead, in order to keep in touch with the enemy Fleet, but only saw them at rare intervals. Finally losing touch at 8.40.

It appears that after Lord Jellicoe decided not to engage the capital ships in a night action, his Battle Squadron signalled that he sighted the enemy's battle-ships, but this signal was not received on the *Iron Duke*, owing to wireless interference, and Admiral Scheer escaped.

The Jutland papers do not include any Admiralty summing up. They are regarded by experts today as too voluminous and technical to enlighten the public as regards the so-called "Jutland controversy," which is likely to remain a mystery, for the papers are unanimous in declaring that Lord Jellicoe has vindicated himself, the despatches showing that the battle was fought in accordance with his tactics which were approved by the Admiralty in 1914, including, as part of the accepted battle plan, the famous "turn away" of the Battle Fleet, for which Lord Jellicoe has been blamed. What concerns the critics most is the disclosure of the superiority of the Germans on a number of points and the unpopularity to deal with the German skill in employing mines, submarines and torpedoes. It is pointed out that there never has been a discussion in Parliament on this most important aspect of the Jutland Battle, and it is insisted that the Imperial Defence Committee's inquiry, which considers the future naval policy in this respect.

FOREIGNERS LEAVE TABRIZ.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 15th.

Foreigners, including Consuls, have left in anticipation of a Bolshevik invasion.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

LONDON, December 18th.

In the House of Lords Lord Milner, moving the second reading of the British Empire Exhibition Guarantee Bill, said that it was proposed to hold an exhibition every 2 years. Hence, it was hoped to get 2,000,000 guaranteed. The Bill was read the second time.

KING OF GREECE.

LONDON, December 18th.

The British Government has decided to instruct the British Minister at Athens not to have official relations with Constantine, who is shortly due there.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

CRIME IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 19th.

The city's crime list is steadily swelling.

Yesterday morning a wealthy insurance broker, who was seen driving home in a luxurious automobile, was afterwards found in a gutter with his pockets rifled. He died later in hospital.

A taxi-cab was held up in the Central Park. A society woman who was the fare was brutally handled by armed men, who had ambushed her and who tore off her jewellery and even ripped her stockings open searching for concealed notes.

In another case two jewellers' messengers were robbed of \$12,000 in broad daylight.

The Press is clamouring for police reforms.

NEW YORK, December 18th.

A Police-Lieutenant was killed while boarding a motor-car containing two suspects of being concerned in the recent hold-up. The Lieutenant, though mortally wounded, clung to the board, firing and killing one of his assailants.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE.

PARIS, December 18th.

The Minister for War, M. Le Fèvre, has resigned, and M. Raiberts, President of the Finance Committee in the Chamber of Deputies, is to succeed him.

SOUTH AMERICAN EARTHQUAKE.

LONDON, December 19th.

Buenos Aires reports state that, in the Mendoza Province, 150 persons were killed in an earthquake.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

GENEVA, December 18th.

Considerable discussion took place in the Assembly in connection with the League's finances. The criticism was levelled at the present system of levying contributions for maintenance on the basis of the subscriptions of the Postal Union. It was contended that this applied inequity.

GENEVA, December 18th.

The high cost of running the Secretariat of the League and the largeness of the salaries paid were questions raised by several speakers in the Assembly.

The New Zealand delegate said that the cost of living was 35 per cent. higher in Geneva than in London.

The Maharaja of Navaragar demanded strict control over the working of the Secretariat, and pointed out that the charges did not fall on the League, but on the members.

Sir Shiyah Ali Imam supported the criticism and particularly fastened it on the Secretary-General's salary.

Many delegates compared it with the emoluments of Cabinet Ministers in their countries.

Mr. Balfour depressed the comparison.

Ultimately, the Budget was voted unanimously.

GENEVA, December 18th.

In the Assembly, M. Take Jonsescu (Rumania) suggested the formation of an expeditionary corps to aid Armenia. He said Rumania was ready to co-operate in the creation of the corps.

Lord Robert Cecil's suggestion to refer the proposal to the special Armenian Committee was adopted.

LONDON, December 18th.

Senor Puyredon, the Argentine delegate to Geneva, has arrived in London. He called on Lord Curzon. Interviewed by Reuter's representative, Senor Puyredon explained that Argentina was still a member of the League, although she had left the Assembly. The final decision will be taken at the next Assembly when Argentina will again insist on the admission on equal terms of all Sovereign States.

PARIS, December 16th.

Speaking before the Assembly of the League of Nations, the former French Premier M. Viviani stated that Germany, according to the letter and spirit of the Covenant, can be admitted in the League only after giving guarantees as to its sincere desire to carry out the Treaty obligations. The Allies have been waiting for the last two years for such guarantees.

The statement was greeted with applause, and Lord Robert Cecil declared himself in perfect agreement with the principle set down by M. Viviani.

GENEVA, December 18th.

The League of Nations has granted the mandates for the ex-German Colonies in the Pacific to Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Japan, as arranged. South Africa has been given the mandate for ex-German South West Africa.

GENEVA, December 18th.

The mandates for the ex-German Colonies, as defined by the Council of the League, lay down that the mandatory Power shall have full administrative and legislative powers to supervise, the suppression of the slave traffic and forced labour, to control the supply of arms and munitions, to forbid the supply of alcohol to the natives, and to ensure the natives freedom of conscience and religion. The mandatory Power shall present an annual report to the Council of the League.

BOXING CONTEST.

NEW YORK, December 18th.

The latest event in the select circle of boxing promoters is Miss Jane Morgan, sister of the millionaire, Mr. Morgan, who has signed on "Benny" Leonard and Richie Mitchell for a fight of fifteen rounds, for the championship of the world, at Madison Square Garden.

The contract was signed after half-an-hour's chat over tea at the lady's flat in Fifth Avenue. Leonard received 25,000, win or lose; and Mitchell 25,000. The proceeds will be devoted to the relief of the war devastated regions in France.

UNITED STATES AND SIAM.

WASHINGTON, December 17th.

A new treaty of commerce and navigation has been signed between the United States and Siam, granting Siam full fiscal autonomy. The protocol provides for the surrender of America's territorial jurisdiction.

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AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

Tokyo, December 10.—Miss Florence MacSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor, who is now a teacher of English at the most exclusive private church school here, belonging to the order of Saint Maur, and being known as Sister Frances Xavier, has been interviewed.

After steadily refusing press callers, she said that if she could say anything that would possibly benefit the cause for which her brother died, she would break her rule of silence.

Since September, she has been dependent on the English press of Tokyo for news of her brother. During that month she received cable birthday greetings from her brother, saying, "Greetings; still conscious."

She said her brother had resisted all plans to place him in the priesthood, because from boyhood, he had wanted to hold himself ready to die for his country.

When he entered jail and started his hunger strike, he had already received the authority of the bishop to die if necessary.

Her most sacred souvenir of her brother, she said, was a clipping from a paper of an editorial, entitled "Sacrifice," in which he had outlined his doctrine.

She went on to say that she did not regret her brother's death, if it should benefit the cause of Ireland, and concluded by paying high tribute to her brother's wife, whom she described as a fit wife for a martyr, who had sustained him in his critical hours.

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Touane Krawal 5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China Alcious 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.
Swatow and Bangkok Luchoy 8 a.m.
Hoikow and Haiphong Lakaing 9 a.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.
Philippine Islands, Australia, New Zealand
and S.W. Africa Tago Maru 10 a.m.
Shanghai and North China Koonshing 10 a.m.
Sundays, Australia, New Zealand, S.W. Africa
and S.W. Africa St. Albans 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hinggang 5 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and North China Hinggang 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.
Shanghai and North China Sinliang 11 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN Chassang 1 p.m.
Swatow Hyderabad 4 p.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan Koonshing 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.
Shanghai, North China and Japan Kaga Maru 10 a.m.
Java and Port Moresby via Socaraba Haiyang 11 a.m.
Philippine Islands Loongang 2 p.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan Knight Templar 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25.
Shanghai, North China and Japan Plassy 9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China Chien 9 a.m.
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Letters 9.30 a.m. Katori Maru 11 a.m.
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Philippine Islands Taming 3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29.
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Marques, South Africa, India,
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Honolulu, Canada, United States,
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Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.20
a.m. Columbia

* Correspondence bearing names only

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MEETING ON THURSDAY.

AMENDMENTS TO BILLS.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 2.30 p.m., the Hon. Colonial Secretary will move the adoption of the Financial Committee (No. 9), and an amendment of the Offensive Trades By-laws.

The Hon. Attorney-General will move the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

(2) The first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.

(3) The second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, as amended by the Treaty of Peace (Amendment) Order, 1920, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

(4) The second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace (Austria) Order, 1920, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

(5) The second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace (Belgium) Order, 1920, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

Prince and Princess Axel of Denmark, who are on a visit to the Far East, arrived in Bangkok on December 6 from Singapore.

The burial of an unknown warrior in Westminster Abbey recalls the fact that it is only space in the Abbey for six more tombs, and even they must be cremated before they can be interred.

Rural building lot No. 154 at Coombe Road was yesterday afternoon sold by auction at the offices of the Public Works Department to Messrs T. E. Griffith and Company, Canton, at the upset price, \$3,480. It has an area of 29,000 sq. ft., and was sold for a term of 75 years. The annual rental is \$165.

The Tokio Kisen Kaisha have decided that their two non-subsidized liners, "Siberia Maru" and "Persia Maru," are to call at Dairen and omit Nagasaki and Manila on both the outward and return voyages, reports the *Japan Gazette*. From Yokohama to Hongkong the vessels will call at Shanghai and Dairen and vice-versa. The subsidized liners of the Company will continue to call at Nagasaki.

The members of the Eastern Commission of the British National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases who have been visiting Canada, the United States, and Japan, and are at present in Shanghai, are expected to leave Shanghai on December 23 for Hongkong. In Shanghai, as elsewhere, they have been holding a series of important meetings, attended by physicians, educators, officials, business men and others, to discuss methods of fighting the social evil.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DUE

FROM SHANGHAI
Dec. 23.-B. F. Demodocus.
24.-B. F. Orontes.
25.-B. F. Rango.
Jan. 2.-B. F. Alcious.
3.-B. F. Leonidas.
6.-B. F. Rhesus.
10.-B. F. Hector.
11.-B. F. Bances.
12.-B. F. Agamemnon.
13.-B. F. Achilles.
Feb. 7.-B. F. Knight Templar.
28.-B. F. Kentucky.
31.-B. F. Helenus.
Mar. 7.-B. F.

FROM YAP.

Dec. 21.-N. Y. K. (D.O.) Strang. M.
22.-B. I. A. Tania.
23.-N. Y. K. Iyo Maru.
24.-N. Y. K. Nagano Maru.
31.-P. & O. Scotia.
Jan. 5.-B. I. A. Gregory Apar.
10.-B. F. Machon.
15.-E. & A. Eastern.
18.-B. F. Bellerophon.
22.-P. & O. Plassy.
24.-B. F. Oaia.
Feb. 4.-P. & O. Iella.
11.-B. F. Ixion.
14.-E. & A. Kadowa.
18.-P. & O. Kila.
21.-B. F. Mentor.
24.-B. F. Ilyacon.
28.-B. F. Tania.
Mar. 7.-B. F. Achilles.
14.-B. F. Mentor.

The O.P.O.R. R.M. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Shanghai on Dec. 18, (20 p.m.) and left there on Dec. 19 (4 p.m.), and was due at Nagasaki on Dec. 20 (5 a.m.).

The s.s. "Delight" from Seattle and Japan left Manila for this port on Dec. 18 and may be expected to arrive here on the Dec. 23 at daylight.

The s.s. "Samarang Maru" has left Kobe and is due at this port on Dec. 22. Agents, Messrs. Dowell & Co.

The O.P.O.R. R.M. "Empress of Japan" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, and Shanghai on Dec. 7, and is due here on or about Dec. 22.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE CORONET

TO-NIGHT, at 5.15 & 9.15

"OTHER MEN'S SHOES"

7 PARTS.

CORONET REVIEW.

At 7.15 p.m.

"THE MYSTERY OF 13"

Episodes 10, 11 and 12

HONGKONG THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT, at 5.15 & 9.15

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

CONSTANTINE RETURNS.

FRANTIC SCENES OF ENTHUSIASM IN ATHENS.

LONDON, December 20.
Frantic scenes of enthusiasm were witnessed in Athens yesterday on the occasion of the return of Constantine. The royal party arrived by train from the Gulf of Corinth. The plan of landing at Phalerum was altered at the last moment owing to the roughness of the sea making the royal party sea-sick. The royal train, preceded by a whistling pilot engine, was covered with palms and steamed very slowly in order to enable the masses of Constantinian stalwarts accompanying it to keep up. As soon as the train stopped the public stormed it, jumping on the footboards and swarming the roofs.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

ESPERANTO NOT FAVOURED AS LEAGUE LANGUAGE.

RELIEF OF WAR STRICKEN CHILDREN.

GENEVA, December 20.
Before the Assembly closed Mr. Foster (Canada) stated that the cost of the anti-typhus campaign in Eastern Europe was estimated at 2,000,000 francs. A motion advocating co-operation with the international Red Cross and a committee for the relief of war-stricken children was adopted. A resolution in favour of the adoption of Esperanto as the League language was shelved. M. Hymans in his closing address said that the work up to the present accomplished by the League showed that it would live.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

NETT PROFIT FOR LAST TERM.

The 64th report of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha (Japan Mail Steamship Co., Ltd.) presented to the shareholders at the half-yearly ordinary general meeting held in Tokyo on Monday, November 29, gave the assets and liabilities of the Company for the term ending September 30, 1920.

The nett profit, after providing for the depreciation of the fleet, insurance and ships' structural repair funds, amounted to ¥12,433,280.48, including ¥3,044,331.50 brought forward from the last account.

The Directors propose that this surplus should be appropriated as follows:

Legal reserve fund.....	¥470,000.00
Directors' and auditors' fees.....	435,000.00
Dividend (10% per annum).....	2,900,000.00
Extra dividend (20% per annum).....	5,800,000.00
Total.....	¥9,605,000.00

leaving a balance of Yen 2,828,280.48 to be carried forward to the next account.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has a paid up capital of Yen 58,000,000, and a reserve fund, insurance, and structural repair and other funds of Yen 92,679,635. In addition to a fleet of 103 vessels of a gross tonnage of 494,028 tons, the Company has twelve vessels of a gross tonnage of 84,240 tons building. With 57 steam launches and tugs of a gross tonnage of 1,493, the Company will have a total gross tonnage of 579,761 tons.

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